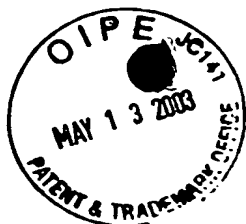


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1742

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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 13, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 8.

Please amend Claims 1-7, 9-11, 14 and 15 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of forming a coating layer of an intermetallic compound on a base material, comprising the steps of:

piling up a first substance in powdery form or molten form on a base material, and delivering a second substance in powdery form or molten form onto the first

substance,

the second substance reacted with the first substance to thereby form a coating layer of